



Branching Out

November 20, 2009

The mission of Three Rivers Environmental Educators is to promote collaboration of resources and provide networking opportunities for environmental educators in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula areas of Virginia.

TREE meetings:

Tuesday, January 12, at Friends of the Rappahannock in Fredricksburg.

We will be nominating new officers. Please send nominations to charlene.talcott@dcr.virginia.gov

President: Preside at meetings, develop agenda, and represent organization at Virginia Environmental Education conference and other events.

Vice-President: Presides at meetings in president's absence, helps develop programs for meetings.

Secretary: Take notes at meetings, compile minutes, and forward e-mail announcements to members

Publicity chair: New office. Will publicize meetings and organization to media and potential members.

Member news:

From the Stratford Hall newsletter:



The Virginia Council for the Social Studies presented Stratford Hall with their Friend of Education Award at the open meeting of their state conference at the Greater Richmond Convention Center on Friday, October 23, 2009. Accepting for Stratford Hall was Carol Price, Director for Virginia and Immediate Past President of the Robert E. Lee Memorial Association, which owns and operates Stratford Hall.

In announcing the Award, Council President Diane R. Neylan noted that Stratford Hall "has been very active in providing enrichment activities for the teachers and students of the Commonwealth of Virginia. A glance at your website shows the breadth of experiences available to all at Stratford Hall. The Board believes that your efforts to provide knowledge to teachers and hands-on learning experiences are deserving of this recognition".

In receiving the award, Mrs. Price expressed appreciation on behalf of the Stratford Hall Board of Directors and staff for the Council's statewide recognition. "Through programs such as our Educational Adventures, teacher seminars and symposiums, and our summer camps, Stratford Hall continues to expand our educational offerings to benefit both students and teachers."

Local Events:

Send your events to charlene.talcott@dcr.virginia.gov

Other Events:

Teacher at Sea Program

NOAA is accepting applications from K-12 teachers for the 2010 Teacher at Sea field season. The program provides a unique environment for learning and teaching by sending teachers to sea aboard research and survey ships to work under the tutelage of scientists and crew. Then, armed with new understanding and experience, teachers bring this knowledge back to their classrooms. Cruises take place throughout most of the year on a space-available basis. The deadline for application is December 31, 2009.

<http://teacheratsea.noaa.gov/apply/index.html>

Free Tools and other Cool Stuff

C&NN Posts Five New Publications

Children & Nature Network has published five new resources for leaders, organizers, and participants at the local, national, and international levels. [All are available for download free of charge.](#)

Children's Nature Deficit:

What We Know - and Don't Know

by Cheryl Charles, Ph.D., and Richard Louv
September 2009

A collection of 45 reports and research studies that document a decline in participation in nature-based outdoor activities by many children and youth.

Leadership Writing Series volume one, number 1

Shared Nature Experience as a Pathway to Strong Family Bonds

Dr. Martha Farrell Erickson's essay on why time spent in nature is an investment in happier families.

Leadership Writing Series volume one, number 2

Reflections on Children's Experience of Nature

A brief, urgent paper on the biological need for "connections to natural systems and processes," by Stephen R. Kellert, Professor at the Yale University School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and Executive Chairman, Bio-Logical Capital.

Children and Nature 2009

A REPORT ON THE MOVEMENT TO RECONNECT CHILDREN TO THE NATURAL WORLD

This 55-page report, recently updated with new and revised content, eloquently records the history and progress of the movement to reconnect children and nature. Those who care about the meaning of nature in the human experience will find much here to inform and inspire.

Research, volume 4

This fourth volume in C&NN's series cites 40 new references and brings the number of Children & Nature Network research resources to more than 100. With an emphasis on research published in 2008-2009, this volume looks at two primary areas: 1) benefits to children from contact with nature and 2) children's experience of nature.

Grants, Volunteers, and Funding:

Notes from a Federal Reviewer

This four-part series, written by the reviewer of numerous government grant applications, provides a first hand account of the federal review process. It discusses the process involved in creating a federal Request for Application (RFA), or a Request for Proposal (RFP), and chronicles the journey a submission makes once it reaches the funding agency. The series also describes factors that can summarily disqualify an application and others that can make it memorable. Click on the link provided above to read Part Four: "Submit and Wait."

Jobs

Full-time:

Assistant Curator

Organization: Virginia Safari Park

Location: Natural Bridge , Va., us

Job or Internship: Job

Associate Curator, Virginia Safari Park

We maintain 180-acre drive-through zoo and breeding center, and an inventory of 1,000+ specimens comprised of large groups of hoof-stock as well as a "Safari Village".

Responsibilities will include:

- Direct oversight of our "Safari Village" which is our walk-about section, currently comprised of 300+ specimens featuring large enclosures with tigers and cheetahs, warthogs, primates, reptiles (including Galapagos and Aldabra tortoises), our petting area, kangaroo walk-through, aviaries and upcoming expansions.
- Hiring and oversight of staff in this area
- Cover for General Curator in absentia
- Collection management (including acquisition and surplus input),
- Record-keeping.
- Set schedules, conduct section staff meetings, handle and address staff issues as they arise.

This section incorporates visitor interaction (petting area, lorikeets, giraffe feeding, etc.) with certain species, under direct supervision of staff. We are looking for the person which can manage the collection, assist in exhibit design, set up optimal breeding conditions for targeted species, and be able to fill in all positions if and when needed. This will be a very hands-on position. You will be expected to interact daily with staff, guests and animal collection.

A degree in animal science or related biology field of study, along with experience in a zoological setting preferred. Extensive experience with zoo species may be substituted for degree. Previous positive management experience required.

We require a strong work ethic, good physical condition and a willingness to learn on the job. We have very strict personal appearance requirements and maintain a non-smoking work environment.

Competitive pay scale with medical benefits. E-mail resumes to:

Eric Mogensen

Director

emogensen@virginiasafaripark.com

Education Specialist

Prince William Soil & Water Conservation District seeks individual to develop/present conservation education programs to youth, organize events, write articles/press releases/grant proposals. Requires knowledge of instructional processes, curriculum, Virginia SOLs, strong computer/verbal/written communication skills. Degree in educ/agriculture/natural resources or equivalent experience req. FT \$30K. (703) 594-3621 or katenorris@pwsxcd.org. Open until 11/20 or until filled.

Job Type: Full Time permanent

Salary Detail: \$30K

Deadline: 11-20-2009

Organization: Prince William Soil & Water Conservation District

Location: Nokesville, VA

Contact Person: Kate Norris

Phone: 703-594-3621

E-Mail: katenorris@pwsxcd.org

Mailing Address: 13061 Fitzwater Drive
Nokesville, VA 20181

People & Ecosystems: ESR Research Analyst

The World Resources Institute (WRI) seeks a results-oriented individual with a master's degree, experiences with corporate sustainability, and exposure to ecosystem services for a full-time position. The Research Analyst will provide analytical, research, writing, communication, and organizational support to WRI's Business & Ecosystems Project in their efforts to mainstream ecosystem service-based strategies in the private sector (www.wri.org/ecosystems/esr).

Job Type: Full Time permanent

Salary Detail: Based on Qualifications

Deadline: 11-30-2009

Organization: World Resources Institute

Location: Washington DC

Contact Person: Tonia Garnett

Phone: 202-729-7613

E-Mail: tgarnett@wri.org

Mailing Address: 10 G. St. NE
Washington DC 20002

Alliance Position Announcement

Can you use a video camera and produce short segments to educate and engage people? Have you produced podcasts and managed audio files? Are you familiar with pushing multimedia content out through online sites such as YouTube, Flickr and Facebook? Do you have graphic design skills?

If so, the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay needs your skills. We are seeking a Network Administrator to oversee and advance the Chesapeake Network, an on-line networking tool for Chesapeake Bay Restoration professionals and volunteers. Applicants should have one to two

years of experience in video and podcast production, online content distribution and graphic design; should be highly organized, exceptionally creative, savvy with technology and self-motivated, as well as have a strong interest in environmental issues and exceptional communication and interpersonal skills. This is a great opportunity for recent college graduates who have hands-on experience working with multimedia hardware and software.

The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay is a regional nonprofit organization that builds and fosters partnerships to protect and restore the Bay and its rivers. To this end, the Alliance develops methods and tools for restoration activities and trains citizens to use them; mobilizes decision-makers, stakeholders, and other citizens to learn about Bay issues and participate in resolving them; and provides analysis, information, and evaluation of Bay policies, proposals, and institutions.

Please email a resume, work samples and salary requirements to Lou Etgen at letgen@acb-online.org by Friday, December 11, 2009.

PR & Mktg Mgr II (Director of Science Education and Public Outreach)

The University of Virginia's College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences is seeking a Director of Science Education and Public Outreach with a proven track record in educational outreach in the sciences. University outreach in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math is increasingly critical to maintaining U.S. scientific and technological leadership. The College seeks to develop and deploy high performance, evidence-based programs to enable communities throughout Virginia to address their most challenging educational needs. The Director reports to the Associate Dean for Sciences and will also work closely with the Associate Dean of Development and faculty and outreach coordinators in academic departments.

The University of Virginia hosts a prolific community of scientists, engineers, technologists and mathematicians dedicated to conducting breakthrough scientific research. This community is loyal to its dual mission of innovation and education. The Director will seek to harness the strength of faculty and graduate student expertise to benefit the larger community.

Open until filled.

Hiring range: \$40,959 - \$84,062

https://jobs.agencies.virginia.gov/applicants/jsp/shared/position/JobDetails_css.jsp?postingId=399020

Part-time:

Gardener - Part Time

SALARY RANGE: 20.84 - 24.31 USD /hour

OPEN PERIOD: Monday, November 09, 2009
to Tuesday, December 08, 2009

SERIES & GRADE: WG-5003-08

POSITION INFORMATION: Part-time NTE 24
hours per week. Permanent

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: 08

DUTY LOCATIONS: vacancy(s) in one of the
following locations: 1 vacancy - Westmoreland
County (Washingtons Birthplace), VA

WHO MAY BE CONSIDERED:

Open to all US Citizens. Qualified veterans who apply will receive Veteran's Preference in accordance with law and regulations.

JOB SUMMARY:

Experience your America and build a fulfilling career by joining the National Park Service. Become a part of our mission to unite our past, our cultures and our special places, to establish important connections to the present and build a rich and lasting legacy for future generations.

Applications must be received in the announcing office on or before the closing date to be considered. Applicants will not be contacted for missing documentation.

This is a permanent part time position working 24 hours per week.

This position is also announced via internal merit promotion procedures under announcement number COLO-10-003.

To view the entire job announcement go to the bottom and click on 'Print Preview' to view and/or print the whole announcement. You are encouraged to read entire vacancy announcement before you submit your application package. **Failure to submit all application materials may result in a low or ineligible rating.**

KEY REQUIREMENTS:

- Valid State Driver's License
 - U.S. Citizenship
- Background and/or Security Investigation required.
 - Sufficiently fit to perform physical labor.
- Designated and/or Random Drug Testing required.

Marine Science Educator

Description: We encourage and nurture our Educators to expand their own knowledge and understanding through sharing their passion with others. This highly demanding, but rewarding, job best fits individuals who work well as a team and just as strong independently. Competitive candidates will demonstrate problem solving skills, time and group management skills with enthusiasm for education and the environment. Opportunities are central, but not limited to our pre-college program. Other opportunities may include assisting in the leadership of Exploritas programs, kayaking, birding, and college programs. Our programs are excellent chances to network with FWS, NPS, college professors, middle and high school teachers and other professionals in the exciting field of environmental education. You will gain valuable and diverse knowledge maintaining and using general aquaria and field equipment, boat crew skills and safety,

group leadership in laboratory and field settings, time management and marine husbandry.

Benefits:

Housing and meals

3 wk paid training period

CPR/First Aid training

Requirements:

BA or BS in Marine Science or comparable biological sciences

Comfort working outdoors, on boats, long hours, and with children

Teaching/leadership experience, preferably informal education

Valid driver's license, preference given for willingness to obtain a VA CDL

Job Type: Seasonal

Salary Detail: \$500 Bi-Weekly

Deadline: 12-11-2009

Organization: [The Marine Science Consortium, Inc.](#)

Location: Wallops Island, VA

Contact Person: Lauren Hvorecny

Phone: (757) 824 - 5636

E-Mail: MSCVA2007@gmail.com

Mailing Address: 7278 Enterprise Street

Wallops Island, VA 23337

Got news, job postings, events, or other information to share? Want to brag about awards? Hear about something that would be of interest to members? Send them to charlene.talcott@dcr.virginia.gov

Please forward this to anyone that might be interested. Want to be included on the TREE mailings? Contact faye.andrashko@va.nacdnet.net